

Security Informant Review Sheet  
FD-238 (7-12-55)

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Symbol Number 5F 1740-5 Office File 134-7-41-9152

Type of Informant: ☒ SI ☐ PSI ☐ CS Bureau File 100-381800

Serial No.

1. Name Karl Prussian was Sam Goldstein, Ben Baskin,

2. Aliases Tony too, Rudolph Weiss, Karlman Prussian

3. Code Name 131

4. Symbol Number 5F 1740-5 54

5. Date and Place of Birth 1/13/10 Brooklyn N.Y. 7

6. Description 7

7. Photograph 100-6238-14 27

8. Background Investigation:

(A) File references checked 134-7-4 = 110 case file

(B) Credit Inquiry 134-7-4

(C) Local Criminal Check -4

(D) Bureau Identification Record -4

(E) Selective Service Check -4

(F) Check of Armed Services Record -4

(G) Informants Canvassed 4

(H) Reliability Check 4

(I) Patriotism 4

(J) Reputation 4

9. Informant Advised Of:

(A) Not Bureau employee 134-7-4

(B) Activities Voluntary 4

(C) Relationship Confidential 4

(D) Bureau Labor Policy 4

(E) Membership Not Sponsored 4

(F) Not to Retain Copies of Notes - Reports 4

(G) Reports to be submitted under Code Number and in Third Person NO

(H) Payments are Income 134-7-47

(I) Use Public Telephones 134-7-4

(J) No Office Contact Personally -4

10. Statement of Cooperation 1 A(2)

11. Post Office Box Number Assigned oral reports as per Deliv.

12. Informant Indices Card Made 100-6328-24

13. Agent who handles information W. Watson

14. Alternate Agent W. Watson

15. Concealment and Characterization Guide 131

NO SERIAL NUMBER:  
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Initials RH Agent  
gh Supervisor

AGENCY CHECK FORM		DATE <b>7 Aug 68</b>	
TO: SAIC, San Francisco FBI Office 450 Golden Gate Avenue San Francisco, California 94102		FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER 155th INTC GROUP PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA 94129	
SUBJECT PRUSSION, Karl	ALIASES <i>134-7X I</i> <i>and</i> <i>Refs.</i> <i>with pull</i>		
ADDRESS			
OTHER ADDRESSES			
PLACE OF BIRTH		DATE OF BIRTH	
DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT			
FACE	SEX — FEMALE — MALE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
COLOR OF HAIR		COLOR OF EYES	
MARITAL STATUS			
REMARKS <p>Former CP member and appeared before HUAC. Require only very short synopsis of PRUSSION and if HE was a willing source of FBI and a friendly witness before the HUAC as indicated on page 1921. HUAC Report dated 12 May 1960 re: North. Calif Dist of CP.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">COPY RETURNED TO <i>115th MI Grp</i> OF <b>AUG 13 1968</b> STAMPED:</p>			
RESULT OF CHECK <b>MR. KARL PRUSSION</b> assisted the FBI by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures, his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever. <i>(from Bufile, ser. 623)</i>			
DATE:	This report is result of check of FBI investigative files. To check arrest records, request must be submitted to FBI Identification Division. Fingerprints are necessary for positive check.		
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June 5, 1967

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*31-6601-13 p. 36*  
[redacted]  
The Morning News  
Post Office Box 5228  
San Leandro, California 94578

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 29th has been received.

*100-0-917036  
66-0-96538A  
100-0-99226  
57-1472  
6/6/67  
X-100-100*  
In response to your inquiry, Mr. Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures, his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

*100-0-99226 766*  
Further, Mr. Elliott N. Paulsen entered on duty in this Bureau in a clerical capacity on April 20, 1942, and served as such until September 26, 1942, when he was placed on leave without pay to enter the military service. He returned to duty on January 9, 1946, and continued to perform clerical functions until he voluntarily resigned effective August 31, 1949. At that time he was occupying the clerical position of Special Employee, having been assigned to that particular position on July 1, 1946.

*Index as  
Bureau  
comment  
on  
employment  
AB*  
Special Employees perform investigative duties of a limited investigative nature as compared with major investigatory responsibilities assigned to employees occupying the Special Agent positions. He was never a Special Agent of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

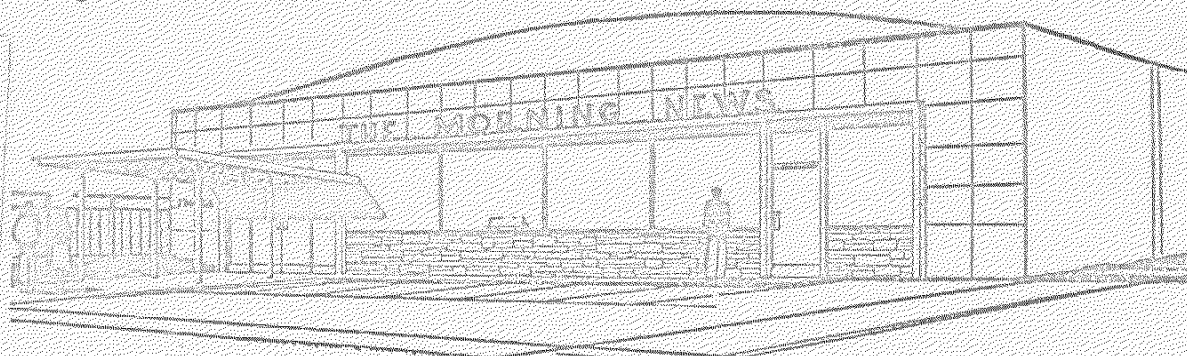
J. Edgar Hoover

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① - San Francisco - Enclosure

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13666 EAST 14th STREET

SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA

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DATE 11-26-2010 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MTS

May 29, 1967

Personnel Officer  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

On numerous occasions, two speakers have been introduced in various Alameda County appearances as "former undercover agents of the FBI".... "special agents of the FBI, investigating communism in the bay area"....and "FBI agents, specializing in investigation of communism, able to name names and places in the bay area."

These two men are Rev. Elliot Paulsen and Karl Prussion.

Your San Francisco office has informed our paper that neither man was ever retained in an agent capacity, with Paulsen being employed as a clerk and no record of any employment for Prussion.

I would appreciate it if your central office could verify this information, since both men still maintain they were, indeed, undercover agents of the FBI.

Thank you for your clarification of this matter.

Cordially,

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM : *PHS/* SAC, DETROIT (100-1828) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
CONCERNING  
(OO: San Francisco)

*100-0-917230 (9/66)*  
*100-0-96538 A (3/66)*  
*157-147 X (4/66)*

DATE: 3/28/66

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On March 15, 1966, [REDACTED]  
of the "Kalamazoo Gazette", daily newspaper, and SAC contact,  
Kalamazoo, Michigan, telephonically advised SA V. LEMAR CURRAN  
that KARL PRUSSION, Oroville, California, married [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on March 9, 1966,  
at Las Vegas, Nevada.

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[REDACTED] and PRUSSION reportedly attended  
a convention of the Republican Party in California during  
March, 1966.

Enclosed for San Francisco are two copies of  
an article which appeared in the March 15, 1966, issue  
of the "Kalamazoo Gazette" relative to the marriage of  
PRUSSION and [REDACTED]

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## FORMER BEATRICE HARTMAN

# WMU Faculty Member, Karl Prussion Married

The marriage of Karl Prussion — controversial former Communist and now a conservative lecturer and writer — to a Western Michigan University faculty member was disclosed today.

Prussion, 57, and Miss Beatrice Hartman, 41, an assistant professor of speech at WMU, were married March 9 in Las Vegas, Nevada, according to an announcement from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Welbourne Hartman of Birmingham, Mich.

A resident of Oroville, Calif., Prussion describes himself as a member of the Communist party for 26 years and a counter-spy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for 12 years. He has appeared in Kalamazoo on several occasions under the auspices of various conservative groups. His latest local appearance was at Southgate Inn in February after he and various WMU groups were unable to reach an agreement on a campus program. He is currently on a lecture tour.

The new Mrs. Prussion is active in the Republican Women's Club of Kalamazoo County and is an adviser to the Young Republican Club at WMU.

She is a 1946 graduate of Den-



MRS. KARL PRUSSION  
Wed in Las Vegas

ison University and received her master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1948. She joined the WMU faculty in 1957 after serving in the communication skills department of Michigan State University.

Mr. and Mrs. Prussion will reside in Kalamazoo.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

13 Kalamazoo Gazette  
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Date: 3/15/66  
Edition: Home  
Author:  
Editor: Daniel M. Ryan  
Title: KARL PRUSSION

Character:  
or:  
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Submitting Office: Detroit

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450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015  
San Francisco, California 94102  
March 25, 1966

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[REDACTED]  
Castro Valley, California

Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge your letter of March 18, 1966, requesting information on any government publication containing the background of Elliott Paulson and Karl Prussion.

This office has no information on Elliott Paulson.

With regard to Karl Prussion, this is to advise you that he assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949 to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. Personal ventures, his opinions and comments are strictly his own, and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

Curtis O. Lynum  
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee  
2 - San Francisco (1 - 100-0)  
(1) - 134-7)(Karl Prussion)  
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TO : SAC, S.F. (134-7)

DATE: MARCH 9, 1966

FROM :

[REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN

Attached here was made available by the HAYWARD  
Police Dept. Booklet written by Karl Prussion " California  
Dynasty of Communism".

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MAR 14 1966

*[Handwritten signature]*

United States Government  
MEMORANDUM

To: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO  
From: SA EDWARD J. O'FLYNN  
Subject: (New)

Date: FEB 11 1966

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[REDACTED]  
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KARL PRUSSION  
P O BOX 559  
OROVILLE CALIF  
1 28 66 Y

"PEOPLE'S WORLD" SUBSCRIBERS  
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On FEB 10 1966

[REDACTED] furnished to SA EDWARD J. O'FLYNN the change in the "People's World" (PW) subscription address, as reflected above. No further record of this information is being retained in the informant's file or other files of the San Francisco Office. The PW is a West Coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco.

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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, is in a position to furnish up-to-date information on the subscription list of the PW. Any disclosure of the fact that current subscription information is available to the FBI would immediately identify the informant as its source. Therefore, it is requested that current interviews and investigation of subjects be handled circumspectly in this regard.

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[REDACTED] advised that the subscription code below the mailing address has the following significance: The date indicated is the expiration date. A "Y" behind this date indicates a yearly subscription and a "6" indicates a 6-month subscription. The "WE" indicates a weekend subscription, which applies in all cases now that the paper is only published weekly. A "C" designates charger subscribers; an "LTS" designates life-time subscription, and an "N" indicates a new subscriber. A "CO" means that the subscription is complementary.

1 - 61-369 (PW Subscribers)

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Date: 2/8/66

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Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: DETROIT (100-1828)  
FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

KARL PRUSSION, FORMER SF ONE SEVEN FOUR ZERO DASH S.  
MISCELLANEOUS DASH POLICE COOPERATION MATTER.

REURTEL THIS DATE.

BUREAU CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION,  
SACRAMENTO, SHOWS NO PERMIT FOR PRUSSION TO CARRY WEAPON  
IN CALIFORNIA. NO RECORD OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, OF PERMIT  
ISSUED TO PRUSSION, WHO HAS LIVED RECENTLY IN OROVILLE.

CII RECORDS ON ASTRA AUTOMATIC SN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHOWS THIS WEAPON LAST REGISTERED <sup>AS REQUIRED</sup> NOVEMBER NINETEEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTY TWO TO [REDACTED],

OROVILLE, AND REGISTERED WITH SO BUTTE COUNTY, WHERE  
OROVILLE LOCATED. RUC

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(Above investigation conducted by IC [REDACTED] He determined last  
entry at CII re PRUSSION was 9/24/59,  
by PD, San Jose, on violation Section  
2106, California Unemployment Insurance  
Code.)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge



Date received 1/13/66	Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted] b7D	Received by SA [redacted] b6 b7C
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Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☒ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☒ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Dictated 1/14/66 to (rough draft)  
Transcribed 1/20/66 (Steno [redacted] b6  
Authenticated by Informant [redacted] b7C

Date of Report  
1/13/66

Date(s) of activity  
1/11/66

Brief description of activity or material

Information about regular Dunn Unit meeting 1/11/66; furnished names of officers, members present; furnished names of members of Meadow Township Unit; furnished information about State Klan meeting 1/15-16/66; general Klan information about Dunn Unit.

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File where original is located if not attached

[redacted]

Remarks:

Informant advised on 1/13/66 he learned that [redacted] Betsy Johnson Hospital, Dunn, N. C., was sworn into Dunn Women's Unit either 12/31/65 or 1/7/66. Informant also stated [redacted] is a member of Dunn Women's Unit and is wife of [redacted] of Dunn Unit.

The Public Servants Questionnaire mentioned in this report is identical to questionnaire attached to Agent's Memo No. 429 dated 11/23/65. Informant had a copy of this questionnaire but same was not obtained

Copies of this report being designated for San Francisco in view of information set out regarding affidavit of KARL PRUSSIAN, apparently a San Francisco informant in Communist Party, Santa Clara County, Calif.

1 - [redacted]  
1 - 157-230 (UKA)  
1 - 157-490 (DUNN)  
1 - 157-1465 [redacted]  
1 - 157-730 [redacted]  
1 - 157-1937 [redacted]  
1 - 157-1677 [redacted]  
1 - 157-641 [redacted]  
1 - 157-1472 (MEADOW TOWNSHIP SCHOOL #116)  
1 - 157-1903 [redacted]

1 - 157-1116 (DEEP RUN)  
1 - 157-795 (HCJA)  
1 - 157-1470 (DUNN LADIES)  
1 - 157-1505 (KLAN FINANCES)  
2 - SAN FRANCISCO (RM)

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especially the FBI, and is questioned about his Klan activities.

[REDACTED] stated the Federal Officer will probably not furnish information for this questionnaire and will leave without asking any questions. [REDACTED] also stated that no member should divulge the names of any Klansmen to anyone, but stated it was all right to tell people that he, the member, is a Klansman.

Photostatic copies of an affidavit signed by a KARL PRUSSIAN and notarized in California, on September 28, 1963, were passed out to several members. This affidavit reflects that KARL PRUSSIAN was a counterspy for the FBI from 1947 to 1960 and from 1954 to 1958. he, PRUSSIAN, attended at least five Communist Party meetings in Santa Clara County, California, which meetings were also attended by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. This affidavit stated that Dr. KING was either a Communist, or a Communist Sympathizer, and would accept advice, money and anything else from the Communists. This affidavit was notarized by GEORGE E. SEARLES on September 28, 1963.

[REDACTED] and other members discussed the Klan hearings now going on in Washington, D. C., by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. They told of testimony given in the hearings but said the hearing would be about the same as before. [REDACTED] stated he did not think anyone from Dunn would be called before the Committee in

Washington, D. C., to testify, but if they were called they would act the same as other Klansmen and invoke the 5th amendment on questions concerning their Klan activities.

[redacted] talked about the Klan insurance policy available to members. He stated this insurance policy pays up to \$999.50 to the widow or beneficiary of a deceased Klansman. The cost is \$5 to join and \$1 per month. [redacted] explained the reason the policy is only \$999.50 and not an even \$1,000 is due to some Federal and State insurance regulations which the Klan would have to follow if payments were \$1,000 or more. [redacted] stated apparently the Klan would have to have an insurance broker's license to pay an even \$1,000 and the books and records would probably have to be reviewed by Federal and State officers.

[redacted] stated he believes there are about ten members of the Dunn Unit who already have this insurance and he wants to get at least six more members to join this year. [redacted] stated the quota for the Dunn Unit is three members and he wants to double that figure to 6 new members. Apparently each unit of the North Carolina Klan has a quota to fill each year with respect to the issuance of insurance to new members.

In addition to the aforementioned members, the following members were present at the meeting:

(First Name Unknown) [redacted] - this member is the father of [redacted] the Klaliff of the Dunn Unit.



[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (Last Name Unknown) - described as middle 30's,  
5 feet 9 inches, 225 pounds, dark brown hair.

[REDACTED] employed Anco Exterminating Company, Dunn.

(First Name Unknown, [REDACTED], Route #5, Dunn.

[REDACTED] (Last Name Unknown), drives 1964 Ford, color blue

[REDACTED] employed Nance Vending Machine Company,

Dunn.

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## Reds Deluding Us, Says Ex-FBI Man

A onetime undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation warned here yesterday that Communists have embarked on a program of "legalized illegalities" to gain more power in the United States.

Karl Prussion of Oroville, Calif., made this observation while speaking to members of the American Business Club and later at a public meeting.

Prussion worked 12 years for the FBI in California as a counter-agent. This took place while he served as a member and district officer of the Communist Party in this country.

Operating under the guise of "peace and humanitarianism," Prussion said, a "hard core organization of fanatic Communists" have deluded countless thousands of Americans that they are working only for the good of the country.

"These socialistic invitations are merely trappings to hide the real purpose of their mission—dictatorship," the speaker asserted. The recent Watts riots in Los Angeles, he said, were fanned off by this philosophy. The result of the tragedy was that the very people who were to be helped, found themselves the losers, he said.

Prussion said the California campus protests and demonstrations were instigated by only a

small minority. "Here again, the entire student body has been made to suffer," Prussion, who has spoken frequently on campuses, said students generally are not supporting the so-called "student peace movement."

Prussion said "most of the students I have met have been embarrassed by the publicity from the riots, parades and card burnings."

The speaker warned that Communists are taking advantage of the war on poverty programs, job corps operations and other opportunities devised to help raise standards within this country as a major tool to "bury us."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Charleston Gazette

Charleston, West Va.

Date: 11-24-65

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: JACK MAURICE

Title: KARL PRUSSION

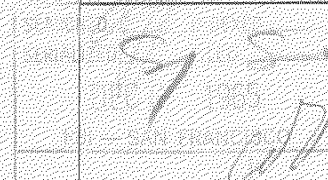
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### ***Alleged Red For FBI Slates Two Speeches***

A Californian who allegedly joined the Communist party, then became an undercover agent for the FBI, will make two speeches in Charleston Tuesday.

Karl Prussion of Los Altos, Calif., will address the American Business Club at its luncheon at Marvin's Midtown Motel, then at 7:30 p. m. he will speak at a meeting at the Ruffner - Milner Hotel sponsored by John Brawley American Legion Post.

Prussion reportedly joined the Communist party while a student at Wayne State University in Detroit and was in the party 26 years.

IN 1947 he became an FBI informant and served through 1958. In 1960 he was a witness at the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings on the San Francisco student riots.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Charleston  
Gazette

Charleston,  
West Va.

Date: 11-19-65  
Edition: Valley  
Author:  
Editor: HARRY HOFFMANN  
Title:  
**KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER INFORMANT**

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### Ex-Communist, Spy For FBI, To Speak Here

A former FBI counterspy and a member of the Communist Party for 26 years will be in Charleston next Tuesday for two speaking appearances.

Karl Prussion of Los Altos, Calif., will speak to members of the American Business Club during their luncheon meeting at Marvin's Midtown Motel. The John Brawley American Legion will sponsor his appearance that evening in the dining room of the Ruffner-Milner Hotel, Kanawha Boulevard. The program will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Prussion joined the Communist Party while he was a student at Wayne State University, Detroit. In 1947 he became an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, serving through 1958.

In 1960, Prussion was one of two friendly witnesses at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities that probed the Students' San Francisco, Calif., city hall riots.

His talk here will be "Wake Up America." During his lecture, Prussion will explore why Americans join the Communist Party and what makes them become disillusioned with its activities.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Charleston  
Daily Mail

Charleston,  
West Va.

Date: 11-18-65

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: JACK MAURICE

Title:

KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER INFORMANT

Character:

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TO : SAC (134-7)

DATE: 10/11/65

FROM : RICHARD E. STEPHENS, SA

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
(former SF 1740-S)  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 10/11/65 CSSF 33-S advised that PRUSSIAN can now be located at 730 Bird Street, Oroville, telephone 533-8262, P.O. Box 559, where he publishes "Heads Up".

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ACTION: Route to security supervisors for information

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FBI MOBILE

2:55 PM CST URGENT 10/14/65 FBW

TO: SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: MOBILE (62-0) P1

CARL PRUSSION. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

CARL PRUSSION TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED MONTGOMERY, ALA.,  
RA, TODAY, STATING HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT FBI AT  
CHICO, CALIFORNIA, WAS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE HIM.

FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT HE IS STAYING AT MIDTOWN  
HOLIDAY INN, MONTGOMERY, ALA., ROOM FIVE ELEVEN, THROUGH  
NIGHT OF OCTOBER FOURTEEN, INSTANT, LEAVING MONTGOMERY OCTOBER  
FIFTEEN, NEXT, A.M., EN ROUTE MACON, GEORGIA, FOR SPEAKING  
ENGAGEMENT. WILL SPEND OCTOBER FIFTEEN, NEXT, MACON, GEORGIA,  
STAYING AT AMBASSADOR MOTOR HOTEL AT MACON. ABOVE FOR  
INFORMATION SAN FRANCISCO.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-100670)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-52821)  
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Re Chicago airtel and LHM to Bureau, 8/19/68.

The Bureau, Atlanta, and San Francisco are well aware of affidavit by PRUSSIAN and many copies have been received from all over the country. He is a former San Francisco informant who has become a professional anti-communist.

Chicago need take no action.

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Referral/Consult

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original and 15 copies of a LHM reflecting information concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING; enclosed for offices designated are copies of LHM equal to the number of copies designated.

Review of Chicago Office files disclosed one reference to the name KARL PRUSSIAN, 100-0-5726. [REDACTED]

The Bureau and San Francisco are requested to furnish Chicago with any pertinent information concerning this document and/or KARL PRUSSIAN or PRUSSIAN.

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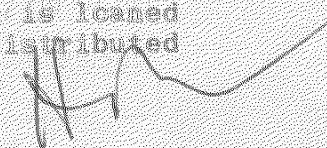
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On August 15, 1965, [redacted]  
[redacted] Cicero, Illinois, appeared at the Chicago  
Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at which time  
he made available a one-page document with the center heading  
"AFFIDAVIT," a copy of which is attached to this memorandum,  
in which Karl Prussion claims to be a former counterspy for  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1947 to 1960, and  
in which he states that Martin Luther King has either been  
a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from, over  
sixty Communist fronts, individuals and/or organizations,  
which give aid to or espouse Communist causes. This affidavit  
is dated September 28, 1963, by a Notary Public.

[redacted] advised he had obtained this document  
at a Jewel Tea Store in the 4600 block of West Roosevelt  
Road, on August 11, 1965, and was making same available since  
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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

DATE: 5/12/65

FROM : SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-0) -RUC-

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
INFORMATION CONCERNING- SM

Enclosed to San Francisco and Los Angeles is one copy each of a Xerox copy of an "affidavit" subscribed and sworn before GEORGE E. SEARLES, Notary Public, on 9/28/63 by KARL PRUSSION.

It is noted the affidavit is explanatory in content.

On 4/30/65, [redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who operates a Roto-Rooter Service, telephonically advised that he obtained the aforementioned copy of an affidavit from [redacted] who is a custodian at Pennsylvania Avenue Christian Church, 1301 North Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, who informed that he had obtained the copy of the affidavit at Jackson Drug, 12th and North Pennsylvania, Oklahoma City, on the morning of 4/30/65, from one [redacted] [redacted] Oklahoma City. [redacted] resides at this address and operates the Harback Printing Company in a garage to the rear of this address. [redacted] reported that [redacted] related that he met [redacted] at the drugstore where [redacted] usually has coffee and that in this instance [redacted] gave [redacted] a copy and [redacted] noted that [redacted] had additional copies of the above described affidavit in his possession.

This communication is directed to San Francisco inasmuch as the copy of the affidavit shows KARL PRUSSION resided at Los Altos, California, in 1958.

A copy of this communication is directed to Los Angeles, inasmuch as SAC Letter 62-29- dated 5/22/62 under a caption "Silent Guardians, Inc." reflects KARL PRUSSION was identified as an officer of that organization.

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It is noted [REDACTED] furnished a copy of the above mentioned affidavit to the Oklahoma City Division via U. S. Mail, same being received 5/3/65.

No further action is being taken in the matter by the Oklahoma City Division.



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REGISTERED MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15079) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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For information Bureau, Atlanta and San Francisco  
on 4/22/65, [redacted] Sheehan Cleaners, West Palm Beach,  
Florida, advised SA [redacted] of the following  
information:

He had just received from a priest friend in another  
state, whose identity he did not wish to reveal, a letter  
enclosing an affidavit. This affidavit was signed by KARL PRUSSIAN  
before Notary GEORGE E. SUELES. The place executed was not  
shown on the affidavit, but it was dated 9/28/63. In this  
affidavit PRUSSIAN stated he was a "former counterspy for  
the FBI" during the years 1947 - 1960, and from 1954 to 1958  
attended CP meetings in Santa Clara County, California. One  
of the persons in attendance at these CP meetings was MARTIN  
LUTHER KING, JR.

[redacted] advised he was attempting to verify  
PRUSSIAN's position as an informant for the FBI as set

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forth in the affidavit before using this information concerning KING. He refused to furnish any further information and would not permit the affidavit to be examined. He was advised all information concerning CP obtained by the FBI was confidential and could not be furnished to him.

He stated he intends to write to the Department of Justice inquiring concerning the affidavit and PRUSSIAN.

Miami files negative regarding KARL PRUSSIAN.

If Atlanta, San Francisco and Bureau not already aware existence this affidavit, San Francisco may desire to make inquiry regarding present location of PRUSSIAN in order that he may be interviewed regarding the presence of subject at mentioned CP meetings.

San Francisco advise Bureau concerning the identity of PRUSSIAN if Bureau not already advised.

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## Noon Speaker

Karl Prussion, ex-Communist and former FBI undercover agent, will speak at noon today on Sproul Hall Steps.

Prussion, presently the editor of the anti-Communist monthly "Heads Up!", is the author of the controversial "California Dynasty of Communism," which accuses Governor Brown and his administration of Communist sympathies. The book was denied publication rights during the gubernatorial elections.

The speech is being sponsored by the University Society of Libertarians.

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450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015  
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Mr. Robert T. Ingram  
President  
The Union  
P. O. Box 1025  
Grass Valley, California

Dear Mr. Ingram:

Your recent inquiry concerning Mr. Karl Prussion  
has been received.

Karl Prussion assisted the FBI by furnishing  
information on subversive activities from November, 1949 to  
July, 1958. During this time he was compensated for the  
information which he furnished; however, he was not and  
never has been a Special Agent or an employee of the FBI.  
His personal ventures, opinions and comments are strictly  
his own and this Bureau is not in a position to comment on  
these in any way whatsoever.

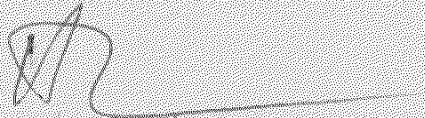
Sincerely,

Curtis O. Lynum  
Special Agent in Charge

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Agent in Charge,  
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Leavenworth at Market,  
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California.

Gentlemen:

We have recently had a visit and lecture ~~and visit~~  
by Karl Prussion. Some of our citizens are quite stirred up.

I recall some time in the past, in connection with  
another or series of Prussion visits and lectures, that  
the FBI issued a statement or announced a policy or detailed  
Prussion's one time association with the FBI.

If available may I have a copy of that statement  
or policy or the FBI position on Prussion.

Very truly yours,

Robert T. Ingram

*Robert T. Ingram*

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## Prussion Lauds Birch Society, Decries Apathy

Karl Prussion, the controversial former Communist who became an informant for the FBI, described the John Birch Society as "a dedicated organization of men and women committed to the fight against communism."

Prussion addressed the Oroville Exchange Club at its luncheon yesterday, saying that the apathy of the American people was one of communism's most effective weapons in its subversive activities.

He told the club that, after testifying before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in San Francisco in 1960, he had "given up" his personal fight against communism.

Prussion said it was not until he saw "a dedicated group of Americans commit themselves to this fight" that he decided to actively campaign against the menace.

The controversial figure said whenever individuals like himself, or organizations like the

Birch Society appear, "we are called Fascists, radicals and controversial speakers by the liberal left - wingers."

Prussion used the Exchange Club address as another forum for his legal battle with Virginia Franklin, a Paradise school teacher whom he has sued for \$600,000 in damages.

He told the audience that addresses in five areas schools were cancelled because "Virginia Franklin, who is Communist - oriented in her left - wing beliefs, wanted them cancelled."

Prussion accused Governor Brown, Stanley Mosk and Alan Cranston of "collaborating and furthering the programs of the Communists in California."

He also accused President Johnson of supporting a legislative program "that embraces tenets of communism."

Prussion drew a chuckle from his audience when, in answer to a question about his present employment, he said, "Generally, I'm working as a controversial speaker."

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## Mrs. Franklin Doesn't Attend Prussion Vows He'll Speak in County's High Schools

By SYLVIA COOKE

(Enterprise-Record Staff Writer)

PARADISE — "Is Virginia Franklin in the audience? With all the new kinds of haidos, it's hard for me to tell," was the opener by Karl Prussion Sunday afternoon as he faced an audience of some 550 persons.

Apparently, Mrs. Franklin, of Chico, controversial U.S. government senior class teacher at Paradise High School, was not. More apparently, some of her students were.

Prussion added that he held they are the ones who will guide schools, she has barred me no malice for the teacher or her husband. "Who am I to dislike anyone. I was a dedicated Communist for 14 years. But I disagree and joined the Communist party with the thinking and actions of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin. I am and spent many additional years suing her for \$600,000 because as an undercover man in Communist cell work, reporting to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and "surfacing" to testify at the House Un-American Committee hearings in San Francisco in 1960.

Prussion told his audience he became seriously interested in the thinking and actions of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin. I am and spent many additional years suing her for \$600,000 because as an undercover man in Communist cell work, reporting to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and "surfacing" to testify at the House Un-American Committee hearings in San Francisco in 1960.

Prussion declared, and the hall - packed audience broke into applause. "More than that, I intend to have one - day student seminars in various cities in Butte County, and I won't have to have slumber parties accompanying these seminars — neither will I have to take them to Astorian and no booze parties at these seminars either." Prussion declared amid applause. Referring to the recent, announcing especially to young people, "I intend to speak at the night (Continued on Page 2A, Col. 2)

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## Prussion Makes Vow In Sunday Speech

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pearance at Chico State College by Mickey Lima, Prussion said that Lima, whom he listened to in Communist cell meetings at which Lima gave instructions and heard other cell worker's reports, was a criminal. Prussion offered that Lima should not be given the prestige of public institutions' podiums to further his cause of ultimate destruction of the American way of life.

Prussion said Lima spoke at Berkeley High School immediately after his appearance at Chico State College. "Virginia Franklin did not protest that," he noted.

He outlined some of the objectives of Communist party workers in the U.S., such as infiltration of organizations, using democratic establishments toward their ultimate destruction, and some of the rigorous training courses given to cell groups in America by instructors trained in Moscow.

He added that a familiar tactic is that of degrading law enforcement officers, and of contriving incidents that will permit the cry of "police brutality."

Prussion commented on badges reading "Free Speech — Yes; Cops — No," which he said were in evidence on the CSC campus, and "some of them reached Paradise High School, I understand."

He described many of the so-called intellectuals, scholars and "left-wing liberals" with being the witting or unwitting dupes of extremely skillful infiltration or dissemination of objectives of the Communist movement.

A remarkable contrast was evident at the Sunday afternoon program at Memorial Hall here toward the matter of picture-taking. An outcry was raised when law enforcement officers took motion pictures of the audience at Chico State College when Lima was featured.

Here, the entire proceedings, and probably the entire audience was filmed throughout the 2½ hour presentation by camera men from CBS, represented by its Channel 2 KNXT station. The TV network did a feature on Mrs. Franklin some time ago, and has carried items concerning her publicity from time to time.

Several adults and some students asked questions from the floor. Asked if he felt the Asilomar human rights conferences were actually infiltrated by Communists, Prussion replied that it was not important whether a Communist was actually directing the activity, but that this type of thinking is noted at the seminars.

He was asked about the Minutemen, and replied that moves are current in the California legislature to make any type of group training for protection illegal. Prussion said that training sought by people to protect themselves and their families is a citizen's right, but "private

army" objectives are not.

A student, Suzette Apperson, challenged the speaker in support of Mrs. Franklin. "Isn't it a fact you have refused to discuss — this with Mrs. Franklin? She told us she had a meeting arranged and you never came," the girl declared.

"This is not true," Prussion replied. "If Mrs. Franklin arranged a meeting she forgot to invite or notify me." He added that the teacher continues her attritions, and commented, "I think I have more reason to sue her than she has to sue the American Legion," which brought a reaction of applause from the large crowd.

Terry Schmidt, another high school student queried if Prussion did not feel that high school seniors and college students were mature enough to hear both sides of philosophical issues and make proper decisions on which is right.

"You students are still learning," Prussion declared. He explained that if a persuasive speaker in behalf of the Lenin theory enlists five students out of several thousand, it is tragic. He pointed out that many years ago he was inspired enough by speakers, to join the Communist party.

"One such student killed the President of the United States," he calmly noted, and repeated that criminals should not talk before students.

He stressed however, that the theory, objectives and nature of Communism and its world-wide goals should be taught in the proper manner, but not by inviting known Communist supporters or members to be the "teachers."



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## Prussion Wouldn't Permit Commie Speakers on Campus

By TOM DEATS

(Enterprise-Record Staff Writer)

Karl Prussion, the ex-Communist and former FBI counterspy who can't talk in Butte County high school

and has a \$300,000 lawsuit pending to prove it, spoke last night in the Hotel Oaks ballroom.

He also played a record and sold political materials.

The small, grey-haired man spoke on "Will the Real Communist Mickey Lima Please Stand Up?" The title refers to Albert J. Lima, a Communist party official who spoke at Chico State College earlier this month.

Prussion told his audience of 175 that it was regrettable Lima was invited to speak at Chico State. He said Communists "talk one way and think and plan another way."

He said it is "unfortunate for America" that there are liberal professors who "sit in their white towers of intellect" and think communism is a political philosophy and a political party which should be studied.

Prussion said these "scholars and professors" are in his opinion "the most reactionary segment of our society today." He said they are "destroying the vigilance of America" in its fight against communism.

He warned that they "are helping lead America to a dictatorship where our freedoms will be lost." He added that "it is totally wrong, morally wrong to invite a Communist to talk" at a college.

The former Communist and ex-FBI counter-spy played a recording which he called a

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**PRUSSION SPEAKS OUT** — Karl Prussion, ex-Communist and former FBI counterspy, said here last night that Americans will win their battle against Communism. Speaking on the recent appearance here of Communist Albert J. (Mickey) Lima, Prussion said the Communist party is striving for a strong centralized administration in Washington and Sacramento and has made gains in the last three decades. See story below. (Enterprise-Record Photo)

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## Prussion Wouldn't Permit Red Speakers

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"mild re-enactment" of a Communist cell meeting which was held about a year prior to the student demonstrations in San Francisco.

The record, entitled "Inside a Communist Cell," features a "Comrade Ed" who Prussion said was supposed to be Lima. "Comrade Ed" exhorts the cell members to further the cause and congratulates them on past accomplishments.

Prussion said the Communist party is striving for a strong, centralized administration in Washington and in Sacramento. And he warned that we have "been going in that direction for the past three decades at an accelerating rate."

He termed the Communist Party U.S.A. as a "legalized illegality for our destruction" and said the threat from communism is entirely from within—not without.

Prussion said the party is "a military organization in the United States dedicated to the Soviet Union" and it is waging a "no holds barred" battle.

"Communists don't spend the evenings burning the midnight oil studying Marx and Lenin. They are way beyond that."

But he said he is sure Americans are going to win their battle against communism. "I think the conservative movement will be the answer to the Communist problem."

A collection to help defray expenses was taken during a brief intermission following Prussion's speech.

During the question and answer period that followed the intermission Prussion said he thinks the nation's various mental health programs are being supported by Communists and are "definitely part of their plan."

"Communists support these programs principally because it's a media of control." He said Communists also support fluoridation of water programs "not because they want to poison the water or anything like that" but because it is just one more "control media."

Prussion noted there is a "recall movement" against Gov. Edmund Brown and that petitions would be in this area soon.

He said later that the movement is being sponsored by the Constitutional Defense Committee which has its headquarters in Torrance, Calif.

Throughout his speech Prussion alluded to Mrs. Virginia Franklin, the Paradise High School teacher he is suing for \$300,000, because he claims she has damaged his reputation and caused the cancellation of speaking engagements at four Butte County High Schools last September.

Prussion said he holds no malice or hate for Mrs. Franklin.

"I love Virginia Franklin" he asserted. "In fact I like her so much I think I'll move to Paradise in the next few months."

Mrs. Franklin lives in Chico. Prussion is scheduled to speak Sunday in Paradise — reportedly regarding Mrs. Franklin.

Entire mammoths have been found perfectly preserved in the ice of Siberia.



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## Anti-Communist Talks Urged On Campus Of Local Schools

Karl Prussion, former Communist and FBI informant, said he was "delighted" when a resolution offered by Mrs. Raymond Famas of Oroville was passed unanimously by a group of approximately 200 people meeting at Prospector's Village last night. The resolution requests the local school board to give Prussion an opportunity to speak to students. It was not opposed by Oroville teachers who attended the meeting.

Mrs. Mathilda Dunlap, Oroville High School librarian, said that although she did not agree with everything Prussion said, she would favor his appearance on campus. She added, "Karl Prussion is an interesting speaker and has had many interesting experiences. I would not object to his speaking to our students."

Several scheduled talks by Prussion at Butte County schools, including Oroville, were cancelled last year.

Asked for Mrs. F.

Prussion prefaced his remarks with the question, "is Mrs. Virginia Franklin here?" (She wasn't.) He expressed disappointment at her absence, but he referred to her throughout this speech. He mentioned his pending \$600,000 law suit against Mrs. Franklin, and said, "I'm suing her for principles; she has hurt me."

The former counterspy sharply criticized the United States Supreme Court for being "soft" on communism, and he was particularly critical of Chief Justice Earl Warren. He said, "The Communist party is grateful to Earl Warren and the Supreme Court for they have made it possible for the party to function legally." He described the Communist party as a "legalized illegality for the destruction of our American way of life."

### The Soviet Record

Prussion listed a number of examples of Communist influence and stressed his point that Communists cannot be trusted. He referred to recognition of the Soviet Union by the U. S., and said that under the terms of recognition the Soviets promised never to indulge in acts of espionage or subversion against the United States. He also mentioned the "Potsdam Agreement" as an example of Communist influence from within. He said, "When President Truman met with Stalin and signed this agreement, almost all of Eastern Europe was handed over to the U.S.S.R. Truman says he signed the agreement on Joe Stalin's promise that free elections would be held in all countries involved, but that Stalin broke his promise, therefore he (Truman) should not be blamed." Prussion added that Truman admits he was "duped" by Stalin.

### Red Carpet Treatment

Nikita Khrushchev's visit to the United States was discussed, and Prussion elaborated on the "red carpet" treatment accorded the former Communist boss by the Eisenhower administration. He said, "Khrushchev got everything he wanted except Disneyland, and his special treatment gave the Communists a 'shot in the arm that was particularly needed at that time.' Governor Pat Brown also drew criticism for introducing the former premier at a banquet staged for him in San Francisco. Prussion said that the purpose of Khrushchev's visit was to revitalize the Communist party, and that Governor Brown helped substantially when he said, 'Premier Khrushchev, we, who admire and respect you — welcome you to the USA.'"

### Support the Police

Prussion emphasized that local police forces are the first line of defense against commu-

nism, and he urged support of local "support — ~~your~~ — local police" committees. He said "the Communist party is attempting to undermine our police departments across the United States. They will use their pet phrase, police brutality, whenever possible, and when the opportunity arises will call for civilian 'police revue boards'."

Following his speech, Prussion played a portion of a recording of a Communist cell meeting. He identified the speaker as Albert J. (Mickey) Lima, northern California chairman of the Communist party. In the recording, Lima said, "We can clearly look forward to a Soviet America within the next three or four years." The recording was made in 1960. Lima also called on his comrades to "destroy the House Committee on un-American Activities, expand influence on college campuses, discredit the FBI, work toward removal of the 'Connelly Amendment', and he urged his cellmates to ~~back the~~ United Nations."

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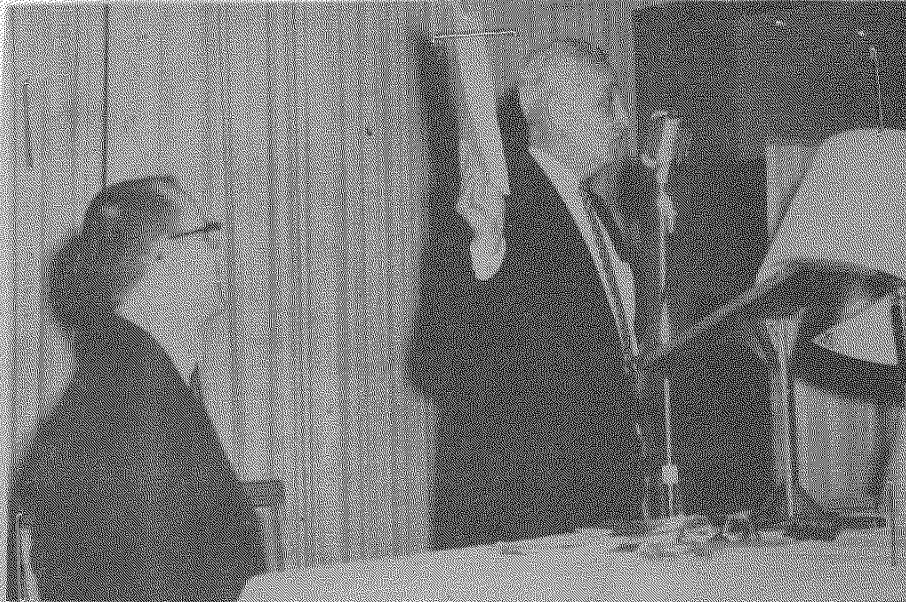
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**ANSWERS COMMUNIST**—Karl Prussion, former Communist turned FBI informant, last night ~~as~~ <sup>in</sup> Chicago. Raymond Famas, who served as chair-  
rebutted comments made recently by an official man of the meeting here last night, is at left.

Prussion received criticism from Mrs. ~~Dunlap~~ who asked the first question. She defended Mrs. Franklin and questioned a quotation used by Prussion. Prussion replied that he bore no personal animosity toward Mrs. Franklin, but that he will press his suit.

Under further questioning Prussion said he was working toward recall of Governor Brown, and he listed several reasons, one of which was, he said, Brown's close connection with the Communist party.

When asked about his lengthy membership in the Communist party, he replied, "it's not easy to get out." He also placed the blame for his speech cancellations on Virginia Franklin, and said "we'll settle the matter in court".



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## Lima's Visit Here To Be Discussed By Karl Prussion

A former Communist will discuss here Thursday night the recent appearance of an active party agent.

Karl Prussion, also a former FBI counterspy, will discuss Communist Mickey Lima, who spoke last week at Chico State College.

Prussion will speak at 7:30 o'clock in the main ballroom of the Hotel Oaks. The public is invited to attend. Admission will be free.

His subject will be "Will the Real Communist Mickey Lima Please Stand Up."

Prussion, who challenged Lima at the college Philosophy Club's Town Meeting, said the Thursday night meeting will include a record of a short talk made by Lima after attending a national convention of the Communist Party in 1957.

The former party member said he has attended many cell meetings and county meetings of the Communist Party in Northern California at which time he listened to directives from Lima.

Prussion joined the Communist Party in 1933 while a student at Wayne University. He later became a counterspy. Exposing himself as such, he appeared as a government witness at riotous hearings in San Francisco in 1960.

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2 Chico Enterprise-  
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Chico, Calif.

Date: 1-19-65  
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Federal Building  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
Box 36015  
San Francisco, California 94102  
December 23, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
Oroville, California

Dear [REDACTED]:

Your recent inquiry concerning Mr. Karl Prussion  
has been received.

Karl Prussion assisted the FBI by furnishing  
information on subversive activities from November 1949,  
to July 1958. During this time he was compensated for the  
information which he furnished; however, he was not and  
never has been a Special Agent or an employee of the FBI.  
His personal ventures, opinions and comments are strictly  
his own and this Bureau is not in a position to comment on  
these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely,

CURTIS O. LYNUM  
Special Agent in Charge

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1-SF (134-7)  
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*[Handwritten signature]*

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[REDACTED]  
Oroville, California  
December 2, 1961

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
San Francisco, California

To whom it may concern:

I am doing some study on the one-time counterspy Mr. Karl Prussion and I would greatly appreciate any help and information you could send me. I am particularly interested in Mr. Prussion's history during the twelve years when he was a counterspy within the Communist web.

I am also interested in any information concerning such leaders as Governor Brown, Alan Cranston, Morris Stanley Mosk, and Martin Luther King. In his booklet, "The California Dynasty of Communism", Mr. Prussion accuses these people of being anything but true Americans, and I would like to know if there is any evidence to prove or disprove these charges. If so could you please send me anything concerning this or inform me where to find it? I will deeply appreciate any help you can give me in the advancement of my project.

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Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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# Prussion Doubles His Suit, Asks \$600,000 From Mrs. Franklin

Anti-Communist speaker Karl Prussion today doubled the amount of damages he seeks from Mrs. Virginia Franklin, controversial Paradise school teacher, by filing an amended complaint in Butte County Superior Court.

Prussion, whose original suit asked \$300,000 general and punitive damages from Mrs. Franklin, now seeks \$600,000 from the Paradise High School history teacher. He seeks \$200,000 general damages and \$400,000 punitive damages.

Prussion filed the suit earlier this year after his scheduled talks at local and county high

schools were cancelled. Mrs. Franklin later conceded that she contacted local school officials about Prussion before his scheduled talks were cancelled.

Prussion, who has spoken to crowds in Oroville and Paradise on numerous occasions, had been scheduled to speak at the two local high schools and at the high schools at Gridley, Biggs and Paradise.

Charles Corzler, of Los Angeles, Prussion's attorney, and Robert Hoffman, the Chico attorney who represents Mrs. Franklin, agreed to the filing of the amended complaint at a court hearing here on a demurrer motion Nov. 10.

The demurrer asked that Prussion's suit against Mrs. Franklin be dismissed on the grounds that the complaint was ambiguous and did not cite facts sufficient to constitute a "cause of action" against her.

At the hearing before Judge Bertram Janes, Quincy, Prussion's attorney was given 30 days to file an amended complaint. The hearing on the demurrer will be rescheduled.

Mrs. Franklin has a million-dollar libel suit pending against the Paradise American Legion post and numerous individuals.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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DATE 11-26-2010 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

TO : SAC, SF 134-7  
Attn: ASAC Welborn

FROM :  
James Carlisle

SUBJECT:  
KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SF 1740-S

DATE: 11/26/64

During the evening of 11/26/64 the Commander of the American Legion Post at Hollister, Calif. phoned to state that KARL PRUSSION was scheduled to speak at Hollister on December 8, 1964 and the American Legion was considering allowing PRUSSION to use its name as a sponsor. PRUSSION called himself an "undercover agent" for the FBI and the Commander wondered whether there was any merit in this? He stated he would call on 11/27/64 and talk to ASAC WELBORN and that any information which could be given to him would be appreciated.

Recommendation: Serial 564 from the Bureau points out that KARL PRUSSION assisted the FBI by furnishing information on subversive activities from November 1949 to July 1958. During this time he was compensated for the information which he furnished. However, he was not and never has been a Special Agent or an employee of the FBI. His personal ventures, opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Also see Supervisor's Clifford memo 5/6/64 (serial 558)

*11/27/64  
Albert PFALZGRAF, Commander, AL Post Hollister  
phoned & was given info per serial 564.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Post Office Box 2118  
Detroit, Michigan 48231

October 28, 1964

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[Redacted]  
Los Angeles, California 90027

Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter of October 22, 1964, has  
been received.

I would like to point out that Karl  
Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing  
information on subversive activities from  
November, 1949, to July, 1953, during which  
time he was compensated. He was not, however,  
a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation.

Very truly yours,

Bernard C. Brown  
Special Agent in Charge

Attached for both San Francisco and Los  
Angeles is a Xerox copy of the letter received from  
[Redacted] which is furnished for your in-  
formation.

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10/22/64

FBI.  
Detroit, Michigan  
Gentlemen.

One Mr. Karl Pruscion  
is speaking in behalf of  
local candidates in my area.  
He is, by his testimony, a  
former FBI agent. Is this  
man "for real"? Can I  
obtain any information about  
him?

OCT 27 1964

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I should sincerely appreciate  
any information to corroborate  
his story as a former  
Communist - FBI agent.

Sincerely,

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Los Angeles, Calif

90027



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## Spy' Talks Barred

Livermore's school superintendent yesterday canceled talks to students by Karl Prussion, who identifies himself as a former FBI counterspy in the Communist Party.

Prussion, speaking under auspices of the United Republicans of California, was scheduled to address assemblies of both Livermore high schools today.

But School Superintendent Ralph Wattenburger canceled the talks as "untimely." He denied reports that students had threatened to demonstrate when Prussion appeared.

"I canceled the appearances because I felt it would be the wrong time for Mr. Prussion to appear, it being so near election time—and he has been critical of Governor Brown, former Attorney General Mosk and Senator Salinger," Wattenburger said.

Prussion's appearances at the high schools, his sponsors said, were to have been "non-political." He did, however, make a scheduled appearance in Livermore last night which was labeled "political."

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4 S.F. Chronicle

San Francisco, Calif.

Date: 10-16-64  
Edition: Final Home  
Author:  
Editor: Chas. deYoung  
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TO : SAC ~~62-6~~

DATE: 10/11/64

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. NOTT

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT  
KARL PRUSSIAN - ~~REDACTED~~  
MISCELLANEOUS

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At 4:20 PM, this date, [REDACTED], Fremont, Calif., telephonically advised that he is a Section Leader of the John Birch Society and is coordinating appearances next Thursday and Friday of KARL PRUSSIAN, former Bureau informant.

PRUSSIAN is scheduled to speak Thursday night at Livermore High School and on Friday at the assembled High School one or two appearances at Livermore High. Friday night he is to speak at the American Opinion Book Store and Library, 935 B St., Hayward.

At about 3:43 PM [REDACTED] telephone rang and his wife answered. Some unrecognized man's voice started mumbling about PRUSSIAN so she called Mr. [REDACTED] to the phone. A guttural voice which appeared to be that of a person who had been drinking or foreign or both said something to the effect that we don't want KARL PRUSSIAN speaking here. When asked why not, the man said that he has gone too far. The man then said if he comes up here we will kill him. When [REDACTED] asked who was calling the man hung up. The phone, however, did not appear to be disconnected and [REDACTED] felt that it was a toll call possibly from Livermore.

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After checking with Supervisor GEBHARDT it was found that this is not a violation of the extortion statute. The Fremont PD was advised that this office is taking no action. [REDACTED] had stated that he had advised the Fremont PD who was sending an officer and he had notified the Telephone Company.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED: File in ~~62-6~~. Index as indicated.

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OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 1964

**Editorial****Prussion To Be Heard Here, After All**

♦ SOME MONTHS AGO there was a flap in Oroville and nearby over Karl Prussion. He was to have spoken to the students of various high schools concerning the Communist menace. After outside intervention the talks were canceled.

Those who canceled the talks gave as their reason that Prussion had been misrepresented to them as a former agent of the FBI. As a matter of fact, Prussion never was an "agent" of that organization. He was, rather, a "counter-spy" for a rather long period for the FBI, receiving pay for his services. The decision to base the refusal on semantics was unfortunate. What difference whether Prussion was an "agent" or a "counter-spy". He was working for the FBI.

PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY shun anything controversial like the plague, and without a doubt it was a fear of repercussions that prompted the canceling of the dates, yet the repercussions came nevertheless.

Prussion, who appeared locally last season under the auspices of the Executives' Dinner Club of Oroville, is a dynamic speaker and his lecture is packed with information. The information has to do with the activities of Communists right here in California—largely in Santa Clara county, to be explicit, in the neighborhood of Stanford University. His talk

is vital and vivid. It is anathema to those who wish to play down the menace of communism in the United States and shrug it off.

THE U. S. is in touch with communism all around the world all the time, but the tendency now is to write down the menace and play up the cooperation. Yet blood is being shed in this "cooperative" way in Viet Nam, and Cuba is a constant menace to us. We had a real war with the Communists in Korea and those of our army who were captured by them were brainwashed. A high percentage did not withstand the treatment and sided with the Communists and against their own country.

They had not been prepared in our schools and in our homes and churches for that sort of thing. The boys of other countries who knew better stood up better. Our performance in the Chinese and Korean prisons was disgraceful.

Perhaps we should "expose" our young people to the methods and theories of the Communists so that they will know in advance what the issues are and form opinions not easily washed away.

They will have their chance here Thursday night to hear Prussion at the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets will be available at the door and young people will get in at half-charge.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Oroville  
Mercury  
Register  
Oroville, Calif.

Date:

9/29/64

Edition:

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Author:

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (198- )

DATE: 9/30/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED] b6  
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SUBJECT: EARL PRUSSIAN  
Former SI

On 9/29/64, [REDACTED] Seaside, California made available a copy of a publication "THE CRUSADER" which is allegedly printed in Cuba by ROBERT F. WILLIAMS -- Publisher in Exile. It contains a notation that contributions and copies of the pamphlet can be handled through [REDACTED] Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It also contains a notation that copies can be obtained at 3¢ each from PO Box 6519, San Diego, California.

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The pamphlet deals with steps that can be taken by Negroes to overcome oppression and in the first two lines of page four points out that this can be accomplished only by the medium of violence and through revolution. Page 6 of the pamphlet outlines violent methods that the "brutally oppressed" can take to fight their cause and gives examples of weapons to be used including lye bombs, hand grenades, mortars etc.

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[REDACTED] obtained the pamphlet from [REDACTED] of Jack's Auto Glass Company on Del Monte Blvd., Monterey, California who did not explain his reasons for circulating the pamphlet.

This individual is known to the writer as [REDACTED] Monterey, California [REDACTED] the business known as "Jack's Auto Glass Company. He resides at [REDACTED] Monterey, California with his wife, [REDACTED]. He has been in the Monterey area since late 1956 or early 1957 and formerly resided at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He is a leader in the John Birch Society in the Monterey area.

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On 9/30/64, [REDACTED] was contacted on another matter and the above subject brought up in casual conversation. He furnished the following explanation as to his distribution of the pamphlet and made available a second copy of the pamphlet:

About two months ago, Earl Prussian made some talks in the Monterey area on the subject of "Communism". He had in his possession a copy of the above described pamphlet which he used as evidence to show the type of literature being distributed by the "Communists". [REDACTED] suggested to him that he print additional copies to be used by anti-Communists as effective evidence of the violent steps advocated by such groups. Prussian now distributes these through his PO Box #6519, San Diego, California. [REDACTED] obtained one hundred for distribution in the Monterey area. The only addition [REDACTED] made to the pamphlet was to have a stamp with skull and crossbones and the word "Propaganda" which he uses to stamp the front and back of each copy.

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ACTION RECOMMENDED:

Route to Agent who handles the former informant, Karl Prussian and if this is the first notice of the distribution which has come to the attention of the San Francisco Office, notify the Bureau and San Diego Office.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## Prussion Given Chance to Talk In Butte County

PARADISE (E-R) — Karl Prussion, former Communist and FBI counterspy, will finally get his chance to speak in Butte County.

Officials of the Butte County Citizens Committee for Americanism have announced their group is sponsoring a speech by Prussion in Paradise Memorial Hall Oct. 4.

Prussion will talk on "Communism's Threat to America."

Dick Hope, chairman of the citizens committee, said there will be no admission charged for the 2:30 p.m. speech.

Prussion, a former Communist, provided information for the FBI for 12 years as he worked as an undercover agent. Since then he has embarked upon a career as an anti-communist lecturer, author and publisher.

He is still occasionally called upon to identify subversive people for the Justice Department.

Earlier this month Prussion filed suit against Mrs. Virginia Franklin, Paradise school teacher, charging that she damaged his professional standing by being instrumental in having his scheduled lectures at area high schools cancelled.

His suit charged Mrs. Franklin with using her influence to cancel the engagements and that she maligned him by making

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## Prussion Given Chance to Talk

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statements challenging his service as an FBI counterspy.

Prussion's suit totals \$300,000.

He said he has not filed the suit out of malice but, "to give Mrs. Franklin the opportunity to prove in the courts that what she said about me is true."

Prussion's talks have been, according to a spokesman, aimed mainly toward alerting Americans of the "often subtle influences which have subverted the minds of many in our nation."

He reviews the events of his life which prompted him to become a Communist while attending college and later, to become an informant for the FBI.

Prussion has spoken to many organizations throughout the country and has received one of the two public speaking awards ever presented by the Literary Society of the University of Georgia in its 144-year history.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

*Chico Enterprise*

*Chico, Calif.*

Date: 9/26/64

Edition: EAL

Author:

Editor:

Title:

*PRUSSION*

Character: 137-Prussion

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# K. Prussion Seeks \$300,000 In Suit Against Mrs. Franklin

Former Communist Karl Prussion, claiming he is the victim of a "flagrant conspiracy to keep me off the (school) campuses," filed a \$300,000 suit in superior court today against Mrs. Virginia Franklin of Paradise and 26 "John Does." He said the "John Does" will be named later. Prussion had warned early in May that he would seek legal action against Mrs. Franklin after she said in a telephone interview with the Mercury that she discussed with school authorities Prussion's scheduled speeches on local campuses. Prussion said today he is not filing his suit "with malice of forethought," but is merely giving Mrs. Franklin "a chance to say in court what she previously said about me."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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MERCURY REGISTER  
OROVILLE, CALIF

In his suit, Prussion based his complaint against Mrs. Franklin on these grounds:

"That she had read about Prussion and claims that his testimony was unreliable and irresponsible and she felt that he was being misrepresented to the people of Paradise. She further stated that she would never be responsible in her capacity as a teacher (she is an American government instructor at Paradise Senior High School) for giving status, respect and authority to anyone not having respect for the schools; and she stated that she encouraged her students to go to public meetings where Prussion was scheduled to speak and hear his view point, but warned that she doubted the reliability of his point of view was backed up by facts."

## Told Of Calls

Mrs. Franklin admitted in the telephone interview that she placed calls to Oroville and Las Plumas high schools with cancellations of Prussion's scheduled talks as her purpose.

Six days before the Franklin interview, the two high schools cancelled slated speaking engagements by Prussion. Arthur Dambacher, principal of Oroville High School, told the Mercury he had received a reprint of a letter signed by J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, which said in part:

"Mr. Prussion has never been a special agent of this bureau; however, he did furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services."

Prussion said that among other persons and concerns to be included, as defendants, in his suit, was Stanley Mosk, former state attorney general, who he said "was included in the conspiracy to bar me from the campuses."

Prussion also said it is "quite possible" that Robert Kennedy, then U. S. attorney general, may be subpoenaed to testify on Prussion's position as a former counterspy for the FBI.

Prussion, a resident of Torrance, Calif., charged in his suit that Mrs. Franklin publicly branded him as a "dishonest person, one who lacked integrity, and an untruthful individual who was guilty of a breach of trust."

Represented by attorney Charles Corzior of Los Angeles, Prussion is asking \$200,000 punitive damages and \$100,000 general damages.

Prussion charged in his suit that Mrs. Franklin was responsible for cancelling of speeches scheduled at Gridley, Biggs, Oroville and Paradise high schools. Prussion lectures on communism and Communist activities within the United

States, and claims in his suit that he "has built up a good reputation for truth, honesty, integrity and fairness."

He explained that he is naming Mrs. Franklin as a defendant not in her capacity as a high school employe, but as an individual who made "flagrant claims" regarding his integrity.

He also said that several high schools and their principals will be included among the 26 "John Does."

Mrs. Franklin has a million-dollar libel suit pending in superior court here against the Paradise American Legion post and several individuals.

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- - - MRS FRANKLIN

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Date JUL 16 1964

**RE: KARL PRUSSION**

☒ For information ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep. by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

**Remarks:** RE Los Angeles Airtel to Director, F.B.I. (cc to SF) dated 6/8/64 with captions "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS" AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." IN which copy is designated for PRUSSION'S file, please note that correct Bufile numbers are as follows:

KARL PRUSSION, aka KARL PRUSSIAN (former Confidential Informant SF-1740-S) Bufile 61-9152 SF 134-724 51

BENJAMIN BASKIN, aka KARL PRUSSIAN-  
Bufile 100-441657 - SF 100-52950

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Federal Building  
450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36015  
San Francisco, California, 94102  
June 28, 1964

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[REDACTED]  
Sacramento, California

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am in receipt of your letter of recent date together with the material which you furnished therewith.

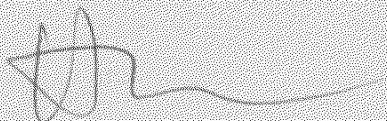
I wish to thank you for making this information available to this office and your interest in calling this matter to my attention is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Curtis O. Lynum  
Special Agent in Charge

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① - San Francisco (134-7)

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23 June 64

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Sir:

The enclosed reproduction I received in  
the mail on approximately 3 June 64.

I do not know the individual nor what  
the purpose is behind such action.

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The address on the envelope was  
[REDACTED] SACRAMENTO.

I am forwarding this for your  
information and evaluation. If I can  
be of further service please  
know.



Phone [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA  
134-7-521

DIRECTOR, FBI

6/17/64

SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-53198) - RUC

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OO - Minneapolis

Re Minneapolis letter to San Francisco, 5/4/64, captioned as above; Minneapolis airtel to Bureau, 4/21/64, and Buairtel to Minneapolis, 4/24/64, captioned, "State Legislation Relating to Communism and the Communist Party, United States of America, Information Concerning (Internal Security)," (Bufile 100-439051, Minneapolis 100-12715).

Enclosed for Minneapolis are two (2) Xerox copies of memorandum to SAC dated 4/21/58, at San Francisco, and two (2) Xerox copies of an article in "San Francisco Chronicle," a San Francisco daily newspaper, dated 5/9/58.

For the information of Minneapolis, KARL PRUSSION, former SF 1740-S, was discontinued as a security informant 7/20/58. A review of information furnished by PRUSSION revealed that on 4/7/58, he furnished a report on a meeting held on 4/5/58, at the residence of HOLLAND ROBERTS, 3891 La Donna, Palo Alto, California, attended by 18 individuals, including Mr. and Mrs. PRUSSION, Mr. and Mrs. HOLLAND ROBERTS, Mr. and Mrs. SCOTT NEARING, and Mr. and Mrs. SIBLING (Prof.). Two copies of this report, SF 134-7A-135A, which is incorporated in channelizing memorandum to SAC dated 4/21/58, are enclosed for Minneapolis. This meeting was not a CP meeting. PRUSSION referred to this as a peace meeting and added that it was predominantly a "left wing" or communist organized meeting. In his report, PRUSSION described four individuals as CP members and said the majority of the rest present have been closely associated with the CP and could be CP members, but not known as such to informant. He described SIBLING as a Stanford professor. PRUSSION said that part of the meeting consisted of a speech by SCOTT NEARING who spoke for twenty minutes urging a fight for peace.

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Also enclosed for Minneapolis for information are two copies of an article in the 5/9/58 issue of the "San Francisco Chronicle," entitled, "Socialist Professor 'Ousted' at Stanford--Protests Rise." The article concerns Dr. MULFORD SIBLEY and contains some background on him, including some of his published books.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (134-7)

FROM : SA ZAVEN JARDARIAN

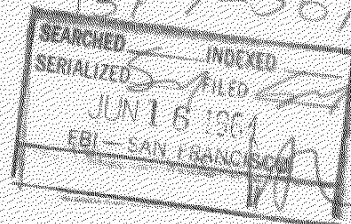
SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
Former SF 1740-S

DATE: 6/15/64

Re Minneapolis airtel to Bureau dated 4/21/64 and rebuairtel  
to Minneapolis dated 4/24/64.

Minneapolis has since requested information under the caption  
MULFORD QUICKERT SIBLEY, SF 100-53198. Since the information requested by  
Minneapolis will be submitted under 100-53198, it is suggested that this  
case, 134-7, be closed.

RECOMMENDATION: CLOSE.  
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## Prussion, Former FBI Undercover Agent, to Speak

Hartnell Young Republicans will sponsor an appearance by Karl Prussion, former FBI undercover agent, Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the college student lounge.

Prussion, who joined the



Karl Prussion

Communist party in 1933 and later served as an FBI agent in the party, will speak on the subject, "Have Communists Penetrated the Civil Rights Movement."

A question and answer period will follow the talk. Refreshments will be served.

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SALINAS CALIFORNIAN

Salinas, Calif.

Date: 5-19-64  
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Editor: FRANCIS H. CISLONI  
Title: KARL PRUSSION  
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DATE 11-26-2010 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

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## Virginia Franklin Admits Calls Against Counterspy

OROVILLE (E-R)—Mrs. Virginia Franklin, Paradise High School teacher, admitted to the Oroville Mercury yesterday that she was instrumental in the cancellation of talks at Oroville schools last week by Karl Prussion, former Communist and ex-counterspy for the FBI.

In an interview with the newspaper, Mrs. Franklin confirmed reports that she had telephoned officials at Oroville's two high schools and urged them not to permit Prussion to address students.

Subsequently, Prussion's scheduled talks here were cancelled. School officials in Paradise and Live Oak also cancelled appearances by the counter-

spy, who was in Butte County last week to conduct an anti-Communism school at the Oroville Elks Club.

Robert J. Powers, assistant principal at Las Plumas High School here, said Mrs. Franklin told him in her telephone call that the former counterspy was, in her opinion, "unreliable and irresponsible."

Arthur Dambacher, principal at Oroville High School, admitted receiving a similar telephone call from Mrs. Franklin. Dambacher said, however, that he had "already about decided to cancel Prussion's talk" before he received Mrs. Franklin's call.

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## Teacher Admits She Opposed Prussion

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Mrs. Franklin, who teaches American Government at the Paradise school and has long publicly advocated practices of permitting students to hear all sides of all questions, said she checked with her husband, Dr. Ben Franklin, before making her calls. Dr. Franklin is a professor of political science at Chico State College.

Mrs. Franklin told the Oroville newspaper she made her investigation of Prussion in her capacity as chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Northern section of the California Teachers Association.

She said she subsequently encouraged her students to go to "public meetings" where Prussion was scheduled to talk, but warned them that she doubted the reliability of his point of view.

Prussion, who was permitted

to address Chico State College students last Friday and made several public appearances in Chico, Paradise and Oroville, earlier this week requested that his cancelled school talks be rescheduled under threat of legal action against the school officials. No developments have been reported thus far.

FBI officials in San Francisco last week firmly established Prussion's status as a former "counterspy and undercover agent" in the hire of the FBI in the Palo Alto area for a number of years prior to 1953. FBI officials said Prussion has had no official relationship with the federal bureau since that time, but added they have no knowledge that he misrepresents himself in the public realm.

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# Prussion Hurls 'Red' At Chico State College

Former Communist and counter spy Karl Prussion said here today that the Chico State College faculty is the most thoroughly influenced by Communists in the country.

Speaking before a small crowd at the Elks Club this morning, Prussion said Communists are accepted on college and high school campuses in the state and asked, "Why are anti-Communists banned?"

Scheduled anti-Communist talks by Prussion at the two Oroville high schools and at Gridley, Paradise and Live Oak schools were cancelled. He said this morning that the cancellations all at the same time was not an accident and speculated that Governor Brown has pressured a directive to keep him out of schools and colleges in the state.

Prussion said he is meeting with his attorney Monday to determine what course to follow through due process of law to correct the situation. He said he would first ask a public apology from the superintendents and principals of the schools involved and a rescheduling of his

talk before filing any legal action.

Prussion's talk started this morning and was to continue to 4 p.m., with a lunch break at 12:15 p.m. He is also scheduled to speak at a dinner meeting at the Elks club, starting at 7 p.m.

He said he would discuss the development of Communist history in the United States at tonight's meeting. This morning he outlined what he called the four prerequisites to an insurrection and Communist takeover of the United States.

These are: Sufficient leaders with hidden identities to lead demonstrations; issues around which to organize and lead; a yielding administration; and a trade union movement that could call a political strike.

Prussion said the Communists do have the leadership needed for their plan and do have a yielding administration, but do not have the other two prerequisites.

He warned, however, that Communists are able dramatists and can fabricate issues. Such fabrications include so-

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## Prussion

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called civil rights, poverty and peace.

Concerning what he called the yielding administration, Prussion said it submits to minority groups, condones and even helps demonstrations.

Prussion said a political strike is not for wages or working conditions but against law.

He predicted certain defeat of the Communist conspiracy "because of the awakening of a conservative movement in the last two years."

Prussion called Senator Barry Goldwater the mirror or reflection of that conservation movement "by millions of Americans wanting to preserve our heritage."

The speaker said liberalism has reached its peak in America after holding sway for three decades.

Prussion said the Communist realize this and predicted "cooperation in building the 'Johnson image' for the next four months."

He predicted that a pre-planned international situation will develop, which will be designed to make a hero of President Johnson.

On the state level Prussion termed the initiated petition to kill the Rumford act as the hottest political issue.

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OROVILLE, CALIF

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Editor: MARK  
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MULFORD QUICKERT SIBLEY  
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Re Minneapolis airtel to the Bureau dated 4/21/64,  
and Bureau airtel to Minneapolis dated 4/24/64, both captioned  
STATE LEGISLATION RELATING TO COMMUNISM AND THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY, USA, INFORMATION CONCERNING, (INTERNAL SECURITY).

Referenced Bureau airtel to Minneapolis advised that  
the KARL "PRUSSIAN" mentioned in Minneapolis letter is probably  
identical with KARL PRUSSION, former SF 1740-S, an informant  
of the San Francisco Office from 1949 to 1958, who was dis-  
continued when he revealed his informant status to a newspaper  
man and indicated he planned to write a book.

Enclosed for the information of the San Francisco  
Office is an autostat copy of a letter from KARL PRUSSION to  
[redacted] St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota,  
dated January 6, 1964, wherein PRUSSION gives his address as  
Post Office Box 6519, San Diego, California. In this letter  
PRUSSION sets forth information regarding MULFORD Q. SIBLEY.  
This letter was furnished to the Minneapolis Office on April  
29, 1964, by [redacted] former [redacted] and may contain  
same information as the letter received by [redacted]  
[redacted] American Legion, State of Minnesota.

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San Francisco should attempt to verify this information  
through a review of reports submitted by PRUSSION; however,  
San Francisco is advised that MULFORD Q. SIBLEY is an extremely  
controversial figure who is employed as a professor of political  
science at the University of Minnesota. During 1963-1964 he  
became embroiled in a controversy with local politicians who  
have since attempted to effect his removal from the faculty of  
the University of Minnesota. The controversy resulted in a  
public debate and the issue of academic freedom has been hotly  
argued in the Minneapolis area because of this. SIBLEY has  
recently been included in the Security Index; however, the  
Bureau has instructed that no active investigation of SIBLEY  
as such, is to be conducted.

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For the information of the San Diego Office,  
enclosed is an autostat copy of referenced Minneapolis airtel  
to the Bureau and the KARL PRUSSION letter referred to.

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# Memorandum

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DATE 11-26-2010 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/MJS

TO : FILE (134-7)

DATE: 5/7/64

FROM : SUPV. HARRY F. CLIFFORD, JR.

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SF 1740-S

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At 8:45 a.m. an individual giving his name as [redacted] Oroville, California, [redacted] called SAC LYNUM regarding PRUSSION. He stated that someone from Gridley had talked to Supervisor CLIFFORD and got the impression that PRUSSION was not legitimate and that PRUSSION has now been cancelled.

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[redacted] stated that CLIFFORD allegedly stated that PRUSSION used his former FBI informant status to support himself and to help himself and apparently there was some question about his using the term "FBI undercover agent." [redacted] stated he would call back between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m. to discuss the matter further with SAC LYNUM.

SAC LYNUM had to leave the office to proceed to the scene of an air crash. Prior to leaving, he reviewed SA CLIFFORD's memo of 5/6/64. He asked SA CLIFFORD to receive the call and explain to [redacted] the FBI's interest in protecting its own good name and what the facts really are.

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[redacted] did not call back between 11:00 and 11:30 a.m., so at approximately 11:45 a.m., SA CLIFFORD placed a call to [redacted] and was unable to reach him. [redacted] had not returned the call as of 3:00 p.m., 5/7/64.

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The facts of this matter are set forth in SA CLIFFORD's memo of 5/6/64.

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# Memorandum

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TO : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

DATE: 5/6/64

FROM : SUPV. HARRY F. CLIFFORD, JR.

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SF 1740-S

*Rept.*  
On 5/6/64, Principal VAUGHN of the Gridley High School, Gridley, California, called the writer and asked for him by name. He stated he was calling to inquire about the status of KARL PRUSSION and his connection with the FBI. He asked the following questions and the writer gave him the following answers:

- (1) Was PRUSSION a current employee of the FBI?  
The writer said no.
- (2) Had he been an employee of the FBI?  
The writer said no.
- (3) VAUGHN stated that PRUSSION was advertising himself as a former undercover agent for the FBI. Was that true?  
The writer replied that PRUSSION had been an informant for the FBI in the Palo Alto area up until July, 1958.
- (4) VAUGHN asked if it was proper for PRUSSION to call himself a former undercover agent of the FBI?  
The writer replied that the facts concerning his calling himself a former undercover agent of the FBI had been considered by the U. S. Attorney and deemed not a violation of the Impersonation Statute.
- (5) VAUGHN asked if there was any current connection whatsoever between PRUSSION and the FBI?  
The writer replied no.

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- (6) VAUGHN inquired if PRUSSION was in the position while an informant for the FBI to obtain information that Governor BROWN and Attorney General MOSK were members of the CP? The writer replied that he was not because his activities in the CP for the FBI were restricted to the Palo Alto area prior to 1958.

VAUGHN stated that he understood that PRUSSION had made such allegations against the Governor and Attorney General in his pamphlet "Heads Up," which, according to VAUGHN, was being distributed in the Gridley area. The writer replied that he did not know if PRUSSION were still publishing the pamphlet "Heads Up," but if such allegations were made by PRUSSION, he was not in the position to obtain such information while he was an informant for the FBI and if such allegations were currently being made it would appear they were exaggerations or falsehoods.

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*by the courts, and in newspaper editorials.*

It is noted that PRUSSION's file is replete with fabricated situations where he has published documents and made speeches which are not factual, which have been used by the John Birch Society, which have been used by rightest hate groups, American Legion fanatics, etc.

VAUGHN's reasoning on important public figures follows something like this:

"When I was in the CP the CP instructions were to support the civil rights movement. JOE BLOW is a leader in the civil rights movement, therefore, he is a tool of the communists."

The above is for the record.

April 24, 1964

Airtel

To: SAC, Minneapolis (100-12715)  
From: Director, FBI (100-433051)

STATE LEGISLATION RELATING TO  
COMMUNISM AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Reurairtel 4/21/64.

Since a highly controversial situation appears to be developing in Minnesota, the Minneapolis Office should not become involved in any manner and should furnish no information from its files to the American Legion or anyone else, public source or otherwise.

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Should [redacted] contact former Minneapolis informants and should these informants seek guidance from your office, they should be advised that whether they cooperate with [redacted] is their decision to make, but if they do, they should be completely truthful and factual regarding any information they furnish.

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While you correctly advised [redacted] of Bureau policy regarding information in Bureau files, there was no need for you to suggest that he communicate with Bureau headquarters if he desired to pursue his inquiry further. The policy is the same whether it is enunciated by your office or by Bureau headquarters.

Upon receipt of the requested information from San Francisco regarding Professor Milford Q. Sibley, submit this information to the Bureau in the Sibley case. For your

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Airtel to Minneapolis  
RE: STATE LEGISLATION RELATING TO  
COMMUNISM AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
100-439031

information, the individual referred to by McDonald as "Prussian" is apparently former San Francisco informant Karl Prussian (former SF 1740-S) who was operated as an informant by the San Francisco Office from 1949-1953 and was discontinued since he disclosed his informant status to a newspaper man and indicated he planned to write a book.

Keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments regarding the situation outlined in reairtel.



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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-32950) RUC

BENJAMIN BASKIN  
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Re Detroit letter to Bureau dated 3/17/64.

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There are enclosed for Los Angeles and San Diego two copies of referenced letter. Also enclosed for Los Angeles and San Diego are two photographs of ETHEL BASKIN and [REDACTED]

Mrs. KARL PRUSSIAN, the wife of former SF 1740-S, was contacted on 4/9/64, at which time she advised that she and KARL PRUSSIAN are divorced and that he has not lived at her residence, 596 Panchita Way, Los Altos, California, in about a year. She stated that she could not at this time furnish PRUSSIAN's current address, but she believed it was on Shortway Street in Pasadena. She also stated that she believed he could be contacted through a publication in San Diego known as "Headsup."

WALTER D. CHRONERT, Acting Postmaster, Los Altos, California, advised on 4/9/64, that on 3/18/63, KARL PRUSSIAN left a forwarding address with the Los Altos Post Office of "Headsup" Box 6519, San Diego, California.

Los Angeles at Pasadena, California, and San Diego at San Diego, locate KARL PRUSSIAN, and interview in accordance with enclosed letter.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-439051)  
FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-12715)  
SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATION RELATING  
TO COMMUNISM AND THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

On April 20, 1964, [redacted] 3rd District, American Legion, Box 471, Watertown, Minnesota, contacted the Minneapolis Office to advise that he and other members of American Legion are currently engaged in the campaign to establish a permanent State Legislative Committee to investigate Communism in the State of Minnesota. He stated that in this regard he has been in contact with most of the responsible anti-Communist individuals and organizations for the State of Minnesota to seek support. He said that in this connection the 3rd District will shortly initiate a periodic news letter to be disseminated to American Legion officials, state officials and other interested parties throughout the State of Minnesota, the title of which will be 3rd District American Legion News and Views. He said that the purpose of this news letter will be to bring to the attention of responsible individuals the extent of Communist inroads in the State of Minnesota and to refresh

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their memory on hearings which were held in the past which concerned Minnesota subjects. He said that the material for this news letter will be judiciously weighed and sifted to assure its absolute accuracy and that most of the material will be drawn for public sources.

[redacted] stated his purpose for contacting the Minneapolis Office of the FBI was to advise of this undertaking and he also advised that it is his intention to utilize any material he might be able to obtain from any ex-Bureau informants who have testified publicly for the Government. In this regard [redacted] mentioned that he had received a letter from CARL PRUSSIAN pertaining to Professor MULFORD Q. SIBLEY of the University of Minnesota. [redacted] did not have the letter in his possession. He stated that the letter generally indicated that PRUSSIAN had formerly cooperated with the FBI and had been a Party member in the San Francisco area. PRUSSIAN had indicated to [redacted] in this letter that during 1957 while SIBLEY was a visiting faculty member at Stanford University that SIBLEY had attended a meeting at Palo Alto, California, which meeting included PRUSSIAN, SCOTT NEARING and HOLLAND ROBERTS. PRUSSIAN identified all those present at this meeting as "CP cell members". [redacted] said that PRUSSIAN had indicated he had testified in the past before the California Committee on Un-American Activities. [redacted] desired to know whether or not PRUSSIAN was accurate in his information. [redacted] was courteously explained of Bureau policy in these matters and advised that if he desired to pursue his inquiry further, he should communicate with the headquarters of this Bureau in Washington, D. C.

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It is to be noted that the Minneapolis file concerning MULFORD Q. SIBLEY contains no information relating to any activities on the part of SIBLEY while he was temporarily attached to the staff of Stanford University during the academic year of 1957-1958.

[redacted] also advised that ultimately his group through the above-mentioned periodical intends to identify individuals within the State of Minnesota who have been

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named in hearings or otherwise publicly disclosed as Communist Party members.

[redacted] said that in the past he has criticized the University of Minnesota for allowing certain speakers to appear on the campus of the University sponsored by University officials. He said that he has also been critical of certain faculty members of the University of Minnesota whose views and affiliation in his opinion make them unfit for employment on a public payroll. He said that it is his intention to bring certain public information regarding these individuals to the attention of citizens of Minnesota so that they may draw their own conclusions as to public employment of these individuals. [redacted] stressed during the interview that he intended to have these facts well documented and to avoid unfounded accusations.

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The above is being brought to the attention of the Bureau inasmuch as [redacted] may communicate with the Bureau seeking information regarding CARL PRUSSIAN.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent developments concerning this matter.

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AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Review indices concerning CARL PRUSSIAN and NULFORD G. SIBLEY and furnish any pertinent information to the Minneapolis Office. It is to be noted that NULFORD QUICKERT SIBLEY is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota, who has recently been included in the Security Index by the Minneapolis Office.

DIRECTOR, FBI

March 17, 1964

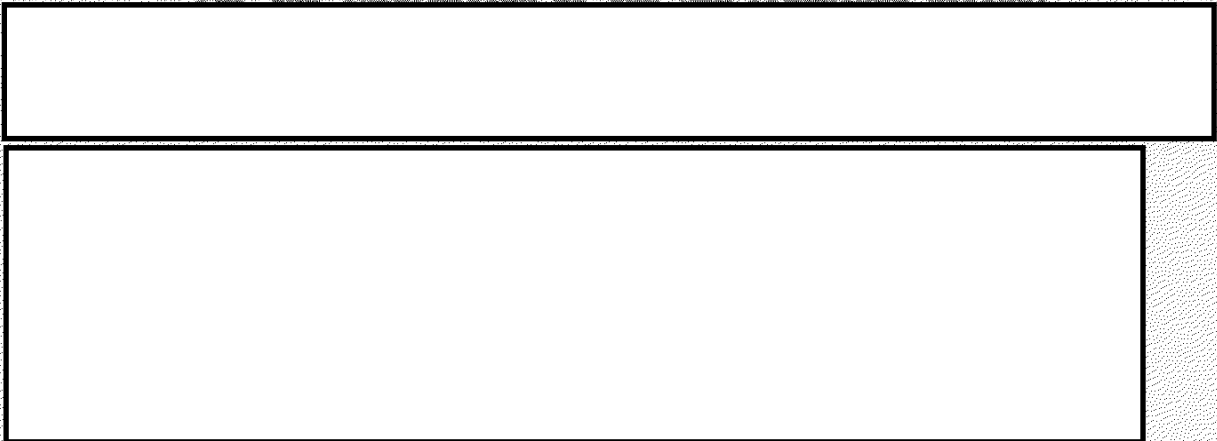
SAC, DETROIT (100-32098) (P)

BENJAMIN BASKIN  
SM - C  
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT  
(OO: DETROIT)

Referral/Consult

Re Bureau letter to Detroit, dated 2/13/64.

For the information of the San Francisco Office.



BENJAMIN BASKIN has not been the Subject of an investigation although the files of this Office do contain information which pertains to him. It is also believed that the possibility may exist that [redacted] assumes the Subject of their inquiry may be identical with KARL PRUSSIAN (former SF 1740-S) and that the basis for such assumption is the information contained in the report of SA ALLAN R. POORE, captioned ETHEL BASKIN, dated 10/3/42, at Detroit. This report sets out information from confidential Informant [redacted] (who is identified in Detroit files as [redacted]) [redacted] employed in the investigative unit of General Motors Corporation, Detroit) to the effect that ETHEL BASKIN is a sister of BEN BASKIN, with alias Carl Prussian.

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The files of this Office contain no further indication than the above information from GM-1 that BEN BASKIN (the brother of ETHEL BASKIN and the Subject of this FAG case) did use the alias of KARL PRUSSIAN. There is information available that KARL PRUSSIAN (former SF 1740-S) did use the alias of BEN BASKIN. The possibility therefore exists that the information furnished by GM-1 is erroneous and that corrective action may be necessary.

However, the Bureau advised in referenced letter that any corrective action concerning this report will depend on the results of this investigation. The Bureau also instructed that KARL PRUSSIAN, former SF 1740-S, should be interviewed since he should be in a position to know if the Subject was a member of the Young Communist League (YCL) or the Communist Party (CP), and that PRUSSIAN should also be questioned concerning the allegation that BASKIN used the alias of KARL PRUSSIAN.

It is noted that on February 8, 1959, KARL PRUSSIAN furnished a signed statement to the San Francisco Office in which he admits he used the name of BEN BASKIN when he went to work in Desoto Automobile Plant in 1937 in Detroit. It is also noted that in 1942 subversive files of the Detroit Police Department contained a record of KARL PRUSSIAN which indicates PRUSSIAN's address at one time, date not given, was 564 Holbrook, Detroit. Information in the Detroit files indicates that ~~ETHEL~~ BASKIN SCHWARTZ and BEN BASKIN both resided at 555 Holbrook, possibly in 1935.

Information is also available in Detroit files which indicate that in 1933 in KARL PRUSSIAN and ETHEL BASKIN were both members of the Oakland Unit of the YCL in Detroit.

It is therefore apparent that PRUSSIAN is probably well acquainted with ETHEL BASKIN SCHWARTZ as a result of having resided in the same neighborhood and having been in the same YCL unit. He should also thus be acquainted with the Subject.

The files of this Office contain a photographic copy of information which appeared in the subversive files of the Detroit Police Department and which was obtained on 12/31/42, concerning BEN BASKIN. This information was compiled over a period

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of years by Detective Sergeant [redacted] and Detective Lieutenant [redacted]. The photographic information is set out verbatim:

"BASKIN, BEN  
555 Holbrook Ave.

24, 5-8-150 lbs in 1935

"Active YCL organizer in Unit #1, section #1, and meets with negroes in the Ferry Hall. Has been active back in 1934. Was employed at the Briggs Mack Avenue plant in Feb. of 1935 under the name of PAUL KIRK, where he was fired for communist agitation. Worked in the paintshop at that time. Again got employment in the Briggs Mack plant under the name of Kaminski, where he worked in the trim line, and was again discharged for communist activities, on Oct. 25th, 1935. Has a younger brother, Nathan Baskin, who goes to the Northern High School and was in grade 11 B, taking a post graduate course and on 2-24-36 he crammed his pockets full of communist literature for distribution to his classmates. He is also a member of the YCL and is active. In Nov. of 1936 information received that he was employed at the Packard Motor Car Co. Another red named Karl Prussian uses Baskin's name and is Pres of the DeSoto Local of the UAWU, temporary Pres in April of 1937 where he was also found to be employed. Goes to all communist meetings in the Finnish Hall where he is instructed as to the procedure at these union meetings. Latest information regarding Ben which was received from Karl Prussian is that Ben is a student at the Mich State Normal at Ypsilanti, Mich. On March 20, 1939 he attended Sec #3 CP Council meeting held at the Magnolia Hall."

From the foregoing information it appears possible that KARL PRUSSIAN furnished information to the Detroit Police Department concerning BASKIN. PRUSSIAN's signed statement mentioned above also indicates that he did furnish information concerning his own CP membership to the Detroit Police Department in February, 1942.

Information in this letter has been set out at length so that San Francisco will have the information available to refresh the memory of former SF 1740-S in the event he is unable to immediately recall BASKIN.

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There is also being furnished to San Francisco a copy of the photograph of ETHEL BASKIN SCHWARTZ, sister of BASKIN, which should be exhibited to former SF 1740-S to refresh his memory.

The following is a physical description of BASKIN obtained from his PSQ (except for his aka's which were not listed):

Name	BENJAMIN (NMN) BASKIN, aka. Paul Kirk, Earl Prussian, Arnold Hoehner, (Ben ?) Eaminski (As set out above in the Detroit Police Department records)
Date of Birth	March 20, 1916
Place of Birth	Toledo, Ohio
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10"
Weight	166 pounds
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Grey-Black
Marital Status	Married, wife BEATRICE BASKIN, nee Babushkin
Relatives	
Father	JAKOB BASKIN
Mother	GOLDIE BASKIN
Sisters	Mrs. JEAN JOSEPH; Mrs. ETHEL SCHWARTZ
Social Security Number	371-12-8509
Residence	15056 Burton, Oak Park, Michigan, January, 1955 to present
Employment	Giffels and Rossetti, Incorporated, 1000 Marquette Building, Detroit, Michigan, January, 1960 to present as an engineer (Employment from November, 1939 to November, 1943, was as an Assistant Engineer with the U.S. War Department Corps of Engineers at Little Rock, Arkansas)

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Contact KARL PRUSSIAN, former SF 1740-S and interview him concerning the Subject as follows:

1. Determine if BASKIN was ever a member of the YCL and the CP.
2. Determine if BASKIN ever used any aliases particularly those set out above under the Subject's description.
3. Determine if BASKIN and PRUSSIAN possibly used each others identity on various occasions when either attempted to obtain employment in Detroit automobile plants.
4. If deemed advisable PRUSSIAN should be interviewed under oath and a sworn signed statement obtained.

On receipt of results of interview of PRUSSIAN, Detroit will interview the Subject under oath concerning his alleged YCL membership and use of aliases.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
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TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-35423)

DATE: 3/9/64

FROM: SA TROY F. WILDER

SUBJECT: PALO ALTO CP CLUB  
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DOCUMENTATION:

[REDACTED] Meeting Palo Alto 2/25/64 TROY F. WILDER [REDACTED]  
CP Club, 2/18/64

Informant furnished the following report:

"Palo Alto Branch of the Communist  
Party meeting 2/18/64

"2/24/64

"The Palo Alto Branch of the Communist Party met at  
the home of DORIS DAWSON on 2/18/64. Those attending were  
[REDACTED] DORIS DAWSON, GERTRUDE ADLER, SARA ALCHERMES,  
MICHAEL SHAPOVALOV, FRANK SCHNEIDER and ELIZABETH NICHOLAS.

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"As usual the Peoples World fund drive is now the  
thing ELIZABETH has on the agenda. Also she brought up  
the coming elections in San Jose. She said they (the Party)  
must work for a minority candidate and they are planning  
to back some one named CASTRO and would the Palo Alto group  
help distribute literature on him. That idea was not well  
received by DORIS DAWSON, [REDACTED] and SARA ALCHERMES all  
of them remembering that the last trip to San Jose that

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CC: [REDACTED]  
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100-25794 (GERTRUDE ADLER)  
100-7103 (SARA ALCHERMES)  
100-24948 (MICHAEL SHAPOVALOV)  
100-24017 (FRANK SCHNEIDER)  
100-2418 (ELIZABETH NICHOLAS)  
97-27 (PW)  
100-22992 (ALICE RICHARDS)  
100-32465 [REDACTED]  
105-9555 (HOLLAND ROBERTS)  
134-7 (KARL PRUSSIAN)  
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ELIZABETH NICHOLAS got them involved in. To go back to the P.W. drive the quota Palo Alto took is \$500.00 as usual. An affair was discussed. DORIS DAWSON and [REDACTED] said they would ask ALICE RICHARDS if the club could use her place.

"Then DORIS DAWSON said she wanted to bring up something and ELIZABETH NICHOLAS said later--asusual. I knew that meant not at all. So as soon as a committee was organized and a date set for it to meet Fri. 6th & March at SARA ALCHERMES house providing SARA's husband agrees.

[REDACTED] then said that DORIS DAWSON wanted the floor and when she was thru that she (M.F.) had something to bring up. DORIS just wanted to report on the McGovern meeting she and [REDACTED] attended in San Francisco. Then [REDACTED] reported that she had seen HOLLAND ROBERTS the other day and told her that Stanford Univ. was planning to put on the Merchant of Venice this summer and he wanted to know if there were any important people around Palo Alto who would sponsor a drive to ask that it not be put on. This of course interested SARA ALCHERMES and GERTRUDE ADLER and they said they would see what they could do. Then I don't know just how it started the fact of Palo Alto being so separate from San Jose was brought up again and this time SARA ALCHERMES, DORIS DAWSON and [REDACTED] all jumped ELIZABETH NICHOLAS. It was really funny because when DORIS D. and [REDACTED] realized that SARA ALCHERMES was also jumping ELIZABETH NICHOLAS she really got panned. I suppose she will bring it up at the next C.C. meeting.

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"GERTRUDE ADLER then read a article from the S.F. Chronicle which said the KARL PRUSSIAN has his own L.P. "Inside a Communist Cell." [REDACTED] said she would get one. DORIS DAWSON is going to get one to take to China.

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"The next meeting is on the 13th of March but I am not sure just where.

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/s/ [REDACTED]

Informant interviewed 2/26/64 and advised address of meeting 107 E. Portola Avenue, Los Altos, Calif.

RECOMMENDATION: No action.

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